



2015 Community Spirit Awards

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Alternate formats are available upon request.

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Community Spirit Awards
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Disability Awareness Campaign Awards

Award Description

This award recognizes one individual and one group or organization who has organized an exemplary Disability Awareness campaign which has changed attitudes and enhanced the perception of the value and contributions of people with disabilities.

Eligibility and Selection

All community, business, or school Disability Awareness campaigns that occurred during March are eligible for submission. Nominees can be an individual, group or organization. The Council will select up to two winners based on the criteria established for the award.

Criteria

Candidates considered for this award will be judged for their success in using campaign materials provided by the Council, as well as other resources, to organize a Disability Awareness campaign according to the following criteria:

- a) **Involvement:** Candidate will have developed, organized, and implemented activities to benefit people in terms of knowledge, attitudes, values, skills, or mutual understanding and cooperation.
- b) **Collaboration:** Candidate will have developed cooperative relationships and linkage with other individuals, organizations, and/or community groups.
- c) **Originality:** This category challenges candidates to develop activities that are new and exciting in ways that will draw community interest and participation of the target audience.
- d) **Public Relations/Outreach:** Awareness activities and events are published in the news or other media channels.
- e) **Inclusion:** Candidate will have involved people with disabilities in planning, participating, or presenting.

Disability Awareness Campaign Awards

Application Guidelines

Submissions for the **Disability Awareness Campaign Awards** should contain information about the overall Disability Awareness campaign and campaign activities that were conducted. Information should also include a description of the involvement of people with disabilities in planning, presenting and/or activities. **Self-nominations are encouraged.**

Please include the following additional information in the submission:

- a) **Nomination Form:** Complete the enclosed nomination form and attach information corresponding to the items below.
- b) **Overview Narrative:** Provide a summary of why the individual, group or organization deserves the award.
- c) **Program Description:** Provide information on activities conducted, target audience, number of participants, goals and outcomes, how Council materials were used, and the role of the nominee or group.
- d) **Collaboration:** List other organizations, groups, and individuals who assisted and describe their contributions and/or roles.
- e) **Inclusion:** Describe how the activities have involved people with disabilities in the planning, participation, or presentation.
- f) **Outreach:** Explain outreach that was conducted to reach the target audience and media coverage (if applicable).
- g) **History/Future:** Explain the history and future of the campaign. Was this a first time effort? If so, describe how it got started, barriers overcome, and plans for the future. If this is an annual event, describe when it began, and how the activities have changed or grown over time.
- h) **Supportive Documentation:** Letters of endorsement from groups or representatives of organizations who assisted with or attended the event/activities, photos, and newspaper articles/media clips where available.

Distinguished Leadership Award

This annual award was established in 2005 in honor of longtime disability advocate David Scott of Indianapolis. David's life exemplified the characteristics of a true leader. He was a powerful advocate for people with disabilities with a vast knowledge of human service systems. Over many years of advocacy, he went out of his way to ensure people received the help and encouragement they needed. In his quiet but persistent way, David made the world we live in a much better place. His untimely death led to a realization that there is a need to celebrate and recognize the efforts of the Indiana disability community's most valuable resource - the advocates.

Award Description

This award recognizes one person with a disability and one parent of a child with a disability for outstanding and sustained advocacy efforts which have advanced the independence, productivity and inclusion of people with disabilities in society.

Eligibility and Selection

Any disability advocate who lives in Indiana and has a disability, or is the parent of a child with a disability is eligible. The Council will select one individual with a disability and one parent of a child with a disability based on criteria established for the award.

Criteria

Candidates considered for this award will be judged using the following criteria:

- a) **Achievement:** Candidate has a record of achievements that show a positive and lasting impact on the broad community of people with disabilities or within their area of disability interest.
- b) **Impact:** Candidate has had state or local impact which has attracted wide recognition.
- c) **Collaboration:** Candidate demonstrates ability to collaborate with others; to follow when necessary; and to cultivate new leaders within their organizations and communities.
- d) **Longevity:** Candidate has made long-term contributions over time

Distinguished Leadership Award

Application Guidelines

Submissions for the **Distinguished Leadership Award** should contain information about the candidate's contributions and how the candidate has made a difference in the community, state, local organization(s), and/or disability related cause(s). **Self-nominations are encouraged.**

Please include the following information in the nominations:

- a) **Nomination Form:** Complete the enclosed nomination form and attach information corresponding to the items below.
- b) **Overview narrative:** Provide a summary of why the individual deserves the award.
- c) **Achievement:** Describe specific accomplishments resulting from the person's work.
- d) **Impact:** Describe how other people or groups have benefitted. What difference has the individual made?
- e) **Connections:** List names of committees and organizations including positions and dates of service.
- f) **Supportive documentation:** Examples include: letters of endorsement from groups or representatives of organizations who work with the nominee in different capacities; evidence of past recognition of contributions; and newspaper articles or media clippings if available.

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GET INVOLVED!

Develop relationships with your neighbors- with and without disabilities- and make your community a place where everyone participates and is a valued member.

- Join your neighborhood association or start a block club
- Participate in town hall, zoning, school board and other public meetings
- Start or join a book club, church group, or social organization
- Take a class at your community college or technical school
- Be an active community volunteer and/or join AmeriCorps
- Become involved in a local church or synagogue
- Campaign for your favorite local political candidate or work at the polls
- Develop and lead an educational program at your local library or community center
- Help create a community garden
- Start or assist with writing articles for a community paper

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Nominee Information		
Candidate Name:		
Organization : (if applicable)		
Address:		
City :	IN	Zip
Contact Information	Phone:	Email:
Individual Submitting Nomination		
Name:		
Organization (if applicable)		
Address		
City	IN	Zip
Contact Information	Phone:	Email:
Does the candidate know you are nominating them (please check one <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Award Category		
Check Award Type		
Disability Awareness Campaign Award <input type="checkbox"/> Individual <input type="checkbox"/> Government Entity <input type="checkbox"/> Community Group <input type="checkbox"/> School or School Corporation	Distinguished Leadership Award <input type="checkbox"/> Individual with a Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Parent of a child with a Disability	

Awards & Recognition

Award recipients will be notified six weeks prior to and recognized during the Council's Annual Conference for People with Disabilities December 7-8, 2015, at an awards ceremony in downtown Indianapolis. Award recipients and a guest will be offered a scholarship to attend the full conference. The scholarship includes registration fees, parking, and double occupancy hotel accommodations for award recipients living outside of the Indianapolis area.

Additional Instructions

Attach the additional information listed for the appropriate award you are nominating the individual or organization for to the cover sheet. Be sure to include all information requested in the guidelines. Submit nominations by mail or email to:

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